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Welcome

We have had a little more action in the last month, with Pinup Pony continuing to race, Glitzy Gal qualifying and now Hothooves and Love Is A Drug at the workouts.

There continues to be a lot of action behind the scenes too, with Alannah Hall due back into work on Monday, Big Lucy, Linda Lovegrace and Ctheballerina all starting hopped work and making pleasing progress.

Although Pinup Pony has managed a 2nd placing in her race at Manawatu, no doubt a big highlight has been Glitzy Gal managing to qualify at Ashburton on the 21st October.

Although she did only finish in 6th placing in her heat, she did still better the time required by 3.4 seconds to make it ...

8 out of 8 ain't bad !!!

All eight of your fillies have now qualified, so CONGRATULATIONS to you all.

Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

Alannah Hall (Angus Hall – Regal Volo):-

Alannah was originally due to return from her spell at the beginning of October, but this was delayed as she contracted a skin disease while in the spelling paddock.

Alannah managed to overcome this, but as she had not put on as much condition as was hoped, she was left out for a little longer.

Alannah will now return to training and will spend a month with Grant Payne jogging to increase her fitness levels, before transferring to Mark and Natalie's stable.



Alannah Hall wins at Ashburton 20.07.14

Alannah will spend approximately 6 weeks in total jogging, to reach the required fitness levels, before moving on to the more serious strong work, so it will probably be around the end of January before we see her back in public.

It will be interesting to follow her progress as she moves towards resuming her racing career as a 3-year-old trotting filly.

Big Lucy (Badlands Hanover – Halcyon Franco):-

After leaving Breckon Farms on the 29 September having completed a shorter than expected spell, Lucy has now been back in training a little over 6 weeks.

She has completed her time jogging and started on her hopped work this week and so far has managed to put further weight on.

Lucy will complete approximately 6 weeks hopped work, before she should be ready to attend the workouts in preparation for her return to racing.



Mark will see how Lucy comes up and will make a decision as to where she will look to race later in her preparation.

So, it will also be interesting to follow Lucy's progress in training and see where she will head for her early 3-year-old season.

Linda Lovegrace (Bettor's Delight – Linda Grace):-

Linda completed her 4-week spell at Breckon Farms on the 26 September and headed south, back to Mark and Natalie's stable.

Linda has also completed her time jogging and moved on to her more serious hopped work. She has however had slight swelling in her hock and although she has not been sore on this at any stage, the vet was called to have a look. He couldn't find anything wrong, but as the swelling remained there, the vet was to take an x-ray to make sure nothing else was going on in the joint. Nothing could be found and the swelling has reduced, so as Linda has remained sound she has continued to progress in her training.



Linda has now completed 2 weeks hopped work and in Mark's words, "She'll need to come up fairly quickly, because the Sires Stakes Heat is only about a month away".

Mark is of course referring to Linda's attempt to qualify for the Group 1 \$150,000 3YO Fillies Sires Stakes Final at Alexandra Park, on the 31st December, for which there are only two heats in which to do so; on the 28th November, at Addington and on the 12th December at Auckland. Obviously, she is going to miss the Addington heat and will

now be aimed to compete in the Auckland Heat in her attempt to qualify for the rich and prestigious Final.

Let's hope that Linda does come up quickly, to be ready to embark on her next major targets, which as I have said are the Group 2 \$75,000 Peter Breckon Memorial Ladyship Stakes, at Alexandra Park on the 19th December and the Group 1 \$150,000 3YO Fillies Sires Stakes Final, also at Alexandra Park, on the 31st December.

But of course the qualifying heat for the Sires Stakes will be her first race back, on the 12th December at Alexandra Park.

I'm sure this will be exciting for all, so hopefully Linda can step up quickly and be at her best for these early season major assignments.

Trainer Tony Herlihy :-

Ctheballerina (Bettor's Delight – Cheyenne Girl):-

As reported, following her 2-month spell, Tina returned to training at the beginning of September, in very good order and having developed and filled out.

She completed 6-weeks jogging and then moved on to her hopped work. She started off with just light hopped work and is now stepping up to do some more serious stuff.

Tony reports, "She has grown and looks good. She certainly looks strong now. She is probably about 4 weeks away from the workouts".



Ctheballerina qualifies on 28.06.14

So, it will be interesting to see how Tina progresses over the next few weeks and of course great to see her at the workouts and to go on to commence her racing career. This is likely to be around Christmas time.

It will be great to see her back on the track.

Trainer Cran Dalgety :-

Glitzy Gal (Bettor's Delight – Diamonds N Gold):-

Glitzy was to make her first public appearance at the North Canterbury Workouts at Rangiora, on the 15 October, where she competed in an Unqualified Mobile Pace, over 2000m. Glitzy drew Barrier No.4 in a 5-horse field and was driven by Kevin Turnbull (Cran's Stable Foreman).

Glitzy got out well from the mobile gate, but was restrained to settle 4-back on the markers, as the field settled into Indian File. Down the back the final time, Glitzy moved up to sit parked and rounding the last turn, just inside the 500m point, she went in to a break and galloped for about 100m, settling back down into a pace, but obviously losing all chance.

She got going again and finished it off quite well, although being a considerable margin from the leading three; 9 lengths in fact.

The winner was Ruffalo, in a time of 2:37.7 (MR 2:06.8), with closing sectionals of 60.4 and 28.6 seconds.

Cran reported afterwards, "She got a nice trip back on the rails and around the bend, just when he actually pulled the plugs, she made a break; for no other reason than she just wet her pants a wee bit. She's pretty fit, but we might give her another workout, but saying that there are qualifying trials at Ashburton next Tuesday, so we might just through her straight in there to get her qualified".

So Glitzy was to attend the Qualifying Trials at Ashburton, on the 21st October, where she competed in a Qualifying Mobile Pace, over 2400m. Glitzy drew Barrier No. 6 and was to be driven by stable driver Dexter Dunn.

Glitzy was eased back off the mobile gate to settle 5-back on the markers, after negotiating her way around a breaking horse in the early part. As the two runners from back in the field began a move forward in the running line, Glitzy was left at the rear of the field with about 900m to run. Once again, with about 450m to go, Glitzy rolled into a gallop, but was able to come back down into a pace relatively quickly and finished her run off well to finish in 6th placing.

The winner was Nickelback, in a time of 3:05.1 (MR 2:04), with good closing sectionals of 57.6 and 28.3.

Glitzy's time was 3:06.6, a good 3.4 seconds inside the required time, so despite her little indiscretion, she was to become your 8th qualifier – **what an achievement !!!**

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Cran reported afterwards, "Glitzy Gal qualified today at Ashburton. She did pace rough again at the 400, but did sprint super strong up the last 300. She finished only 6th, but still 3.4 seconds under time, so Dex [Dexter Dunn the driver] was very complimentary after the trial, so hopefully he is an OK judge. We now plan to put her aside for 4 weeks holiday, then there are races to be won".

So, Glitzy has gone for a well-deserved short rest, having completed a 100% record for The Good Sports Syndicate, having all 8 of your fillies now qualified. WOW !!!

Trainer Barry Purdon :-

Hothooves (Bettor's Delight – Matter Of Fact):-

Hotty completed her time of hopped work and was ready to attend the workouts on the 8th November. This was at the Franklin TC Trials & Workouts, at Franklin Park, Pukekohe, where she competed in a C0 Workout Mobile Pace, over 2050m (Right handed), drawing Barrier No.2 in a big field of 11 runners. She was to be driven by stable driver Zac Butcher.

Hotty was eased out of the gate and moved down to the markers to obtain the early trail, but was then positioned 3-back on the markers, when Zac eased her again to allow another runner in in front of him.

Hotty lost a little ground rounding the second bend, but made up the leeway soon after, to remain there throughout, battling a little in the run home, to finish in 6th placing.

The winner was Joanednobetter in a time of 2:35.5 (MR 2:02.0), with closing sectionals of 60.2 and 29.5.

Zac said afterwards, "She went good. They went 2:35, so that's good. She was just a bit flat that last bit, but finished with the others. I was happy with that, for where she's at. We'll go again next week at Alexandra Park. She might need two or three workouts."

Here are some photos taken at Pukekohe on the 8th November ...



So, Hotty is to attend the Alexandra Park Workouts this Saturday, the 15th November.

She is in Heat 7, timed to start at 11:30am. This is a C0 Mobile Pace, over 2200m, in which Hotty has drawn Barrier No. 4 in a 5-horse field (along with Judy at No. 5).

So it will be interesting to see how she goes in this one and whether it will be back to the workouts for another run, or on to make her return to the races. I will keep you posted as to where to next for Hotty.

Love Is A Drug (Art Major – Loma Fay):-

As with Hotty, Judy also completed her time of hopped work and was ready to attend the workouts on the 8th November. This was also at the Franklin TC Trials & Workouts, at Franklin Park, Pukekohe, where Judy competed in a C0 Workout Mobile Pace, over 2050m, also drawing Barrier No.2 in an 11-horse field. Like Hotty, Judy too was to be driven by Zac Butcher.

Judy was eased back off the mobile gate to settle 4-back on the markers and was then 5-back when another runner went forward and slotted in 3-back. She remained there throughout and was actually second-to-last on the inside at the 400m pole. Zac managed to ease Judy out around the last turn and she ran home reasonably well on the back of Kirra Kid until just short of the line, for 7th placing.

The winner was Zencara in a time of 2:39.4 (MR 2:05.1), with closing sectionals of 59.9 and 28.7.

Zac said afterwards, "That was good. She was finishing it off better than some. I am happy with them both [Hotty and Judy]. She'll go again next week at Alexandra Park and like Hotty we'll see if she needs two or three runs before we go to the races."

Here are some photos taken at Pukekohe on the 8th November ...





So, Judy is also to attend the Alexandra Park Workouts this Saturday, the 15th November.

She is in Heat 7, the same heat as Hotty, timed to start at 11:30am. This is a C0 Mobile Pace, over 2200m, in which Judy has drawn Barrier No. 5 in a 5-horse field (alongside Hotty at No. 4).

So it will be interesting to see how Judy goes in this one and whether it will be back to the workouts for her, or on to make her return to the races. I will keep you posted as to where to next for Judy.

Trainer Geoff Small :-

Pinup Pony (Art Major – Tarena Jay):-

After racing at the Manawatu early October Meeting, Pinny was to return home and have a few days off before being prepared to return to race back at Manawatu on the 23rd and 26th October.

On the 23rd October, this was to be in the \$6,000 Welcome to Manawatu Raceway Fillies & Mares Mobile Pace, for 3YO & Older Fillies & Mares C0, over 2000m, where she drew Barrier No. 5 and was to be driven by David Butcher.

Pinny was sent out second favourite and got out well, but was caught 3-wide into the first turn, before slotting down to the running line to be one-out-and-3-back as they settled into position.

The favourite Jazz It Up lead them throughout and Pinny remained in her position until rounding the home turn, turning for home Lady Maria pulled out and Pinny sat on her back, before being drawn to the outside in the home straight to make her run.

She finished it off well, but was too far back and could only manage 6th placing.

The winner was the favourite Jazz It Up, in a time of 2:34.3 (MR 2:04.1), with closing sectionals of 59.6 and 28.3. Pinny was officially only 2.8 lengths from the winner.

David said, "She went a pretty good race considering. It was only 2000m and we got back a bit after being wide into the first bend and having to avoid that galloper. Hopefully she can draw closer in on Sunday."

So, Pinny was to line up again on the second day of the meeting, on the 26th October. This was in the \$6,000 Members' Mobile Pace, for C0 3YO & Older Fillies & Mares, also C0 9YO geldings & entires, over 2000m, where she drew Barrier No. 1 and once again was driven by David Butcher.

Pinny was sent out the favourite for this race and unfortunately didn't show much gate speed to be able to hold her position, as four outside her went forward and Pinny had to settle 4-back on the markers. Going into the back the first time, David had to come out as others began to move forward and Pinny was posted in the breeze until reaching about the 1100m point where Brandy came forward and gave Pinny some cover and the one-one position. With about 450m to run the 3-wide line began to come forward, so rather than get boxed in David made a move 3-wide to get handier rounding the home turn. The speed went on and Pinny was sitting in third position turning for home and maintained a determined run in the home straight, closing in solidly at the finish, but too late as Extreme Carat had got away with a slow run race and a sprint home. Pinny finished a good 2nd placing.

The winner was Extreme Carat, in a time of 2:39.3 (MR 2:08.2), with closing sectionals of 61.4 and 28.9. Pinny went down by only 1¾ lengths, having made up several lengths in the home straight.

David said, "I was pretty happy with that. We didn't get a lot of favours and she had to go 3-wide around the home turn, but she finished it off well. It was a pretty good run really, especially as she couldn't hold up at the start."

Geoff added, "She's gone pretty good really. I was pleased with her under the circumstances."

The following week Geoff reported, "I've given her two or three weeks off. I gave her about 5 days after coming home and she started licking the bowl clean [eating all her feed, which she has not been inclined to do of late], so I thought it best to give her a bit longer out. She was just up in behind after Palmerston, so she's growing a little too. It will be best for her to have a wee break now and look towards racing again in December/January."

So Pinny is due back into training next week and after this freshen up, will be brought up to race again in probably about 5 or 6 weeks time.

It will be interesting to see how she comes back, as I'm sure she will have enjoyed her short break and it will do her the world of good.

Newsletters On the Website

Don't forget, your monthly newsletters are also displayed on the Breckon Farms Website, so you can access them there whenever you wish, especially if you can't find them amongst your emails.

The Breckon Farms website address is:- www.breckonfarms.co.nz

Congratulations to Cran – 1,000 wins

Cran Dalgety, the trainer of your filly Double Shot, reached a personal milestone on the 9th November, when the filly he trains Supriya (Changeover / Rosanna Jaccka – also Changeover's first race winner when she won back on 25th February, at Winton) won a mile race at Wyndham.



In doing so, Cran has joined an elite list of trainers who have achieved this remarkable feat of 1,000 wins in New Zealand. The previous trainers to reach the mark are Cran's former bosses Roy & Barry Purdon, as well as Mark Purdon, Derek Jones and Ces Donald.

Cran achieved his 1,000 wins from just 5040 starts, for over \$11.1m in stakes, over a period of 22 years. Cran also won the 2013 NZ Trainers Premiership and has trained the winners of over \$1m in each of the last five seasons, as well as being the winningest NZ trainer of Australasian Breeders Crown Finals, having won five, with Sparks A Flyin, Smiling Shard, Bit Of A Legend (twice) and Katy Perry (also a Breckon Farms bred filly).

So, **CONGRATULATIONS** Cran; what an achievement !!!

Star Struck

Mention must also be made of the amazing feat of the All Stars Stable team under the guidance of Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen (trainers of your fillies Alannah Hall, Big Lucy & Linda Lovegrace), with their record-breaking NZ Cup Day on Tuesday.

The stable had a remarkable 7 wins on the Premier Day, including the Group 1 features in the NZ Trotting Cup with Adore Me and the NZ Sires Stakes Final with Have Faith In Me (including the trifecta in this race), as well as the Group 3 Free-For-All with Messini and second in two other races. The total stake earnings for the day were an incredible \$604,090.55.



Adore Me

The NZ Cup win by Adore Me was scintillating, setting a new World Record of 3:54.6, eclipsing Changeover's previous record set in the 2008 NZ Cup, of 3:56.4. Of course this was a NZ Record as well, to go along with NZ Records set on the day by other stable winners Messini (2600m Mobile – 3:07.2), Have Faith In Me (1950m Mobile – 2:17.3) and Prince Fearless (3YO 2600m Stand Trot – 3:19.3).

Also on the day, the broodmare gem Scuse Me was the dam of two Group 1 winners, in the full brother and sister (both by Bettor's Delight), Have Faith In Me and Adore Me, which is also a truly remarkable achievement. CONGRATULATIONS must go to the breeder of both these winners, Charles Roberts. Remarkably, Mark Purdon was the breeder of Scuse Me, who was once herself a NZ Record holder.

So, **CONGRATULATIONS** to Mark and Natalie and all at the All Stars Stable !!!

Cheers

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